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ALLOWAY AND QUINTON RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM SALEM COUNTY POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCE AUTHORITY

(SALEM, NJ) –Freeholder Director Lee Ware today announced that the County is moving forward with an interlocal agreement between the Salem County Pollution Control Finance Authority (PCFA) and the Townships of Alloway and Quinton to offer financial assistance to property owners with the physical connection of plumbing systems to the new sewer lines.

"We feel that this program is an important quality of life and environmental protection project," said Freeholder Director Lee Ware. "The financial assistance that will be offered will provide residents support in getting their homes connected to the new sewer system."

Alloway and Quinton recently engaged in a joint sewer project in order to provide sanitary sewerage to certain limited designated areas in those townships that were already developed but in need of sewer to address failing septic systems and other negative situations. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection granted monies for the project through the Salem County Pollution Control Finance Authority. The project is now on-line and the designated property owners are required to hook up to the sewer line.

"The representatives from Alloway and Quinton requested a meeting with the Pollution Control Financing Authority to explain the hardship experienced by the property owners who must pay an average cost of between \$1,000 to \$2,000 and thereafter pay a monthly fee for the sewer service," said Freeholder Director Ware. "We agree that this is a burden since the homeowners had no sewer service and connection is now mandatory."

The PCFA considered the matter at a meeting which occurred in January and authorized the signing of the agreement to facilitate the program providing financial assistance in the amount of \$198,500 subject to a budget amendment. The New Jersey Department of Community Development Local Government Services-Budget Unit approved the budget amendment.

The PCFA will provide up to \$198,500 to Alloway and Quinton Townships to apply and manage the funds. These townships represent 517 properties in the designated areas being required to hook up to the new sewer system. Accordingly a budget of up to \$500.



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per property will be allocated as financial assistance to each property owner, and may be applied only for reimbursement of physical connection expenditures.

"Alloway and Quinton Townships will guide the property owners through the process," said Ware. "All one has to do is to demonstrate satisfactory proof to the township that the connection is complete."

"We are very appreciative of the assistance provided by the Freeholders and the PCFA," said Alloway Mayor Edwin Masker. "I have been reaching out to state and federal agencies over several years to find any funding to help our residents. Sometimes, you just need to look in your own back yard."

"Quinton Township is more than appreciative that the PCFA is thinking about our residents by providing them financial assistance to hook up to sewer lines," said Mayor Jim Kates. "I commend the PCFA for being proactive in assisting our residents during these difficult economic times."

Applications can be picked at either Alloway or Quinton Township Buildings or for more information call Edwin P. Masker, Alloway Mayor 935-4080 and/or James N. Kates, Quinton Mayor, 935-2325.